

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0067] as follows:

[0067] Another variant for providing this circumferential elasticity is shown in Figure 18. A friction lining element 32 with its carrier plate 34, on which a friction lining 36 is supported, can be seen here. The two tab-like end areas 96, 98 are bent over to assume, for example, a contour in the shape of a segment of a circle, which gives these end areas 96, 98 a certain circumferential elasticity. As integral parts of the friction lining elements 32, these tab-like end areas 96, 98, which now provide the circumferential elasticity, can be supported against the connecting sections 121 of the U-shaped components 90 visible in Figures 16 and 17; or, for example, the walls which form the circumferential ~~[sic; radial? — Tr. Ed.]~~ boundaries of the openings 92, 94, as can be seen in the embodiment according to Figure 7, can provide this support.